

# Southeastern San Diego



## Community Plan Update

### *Community Planning Group Meeting #2*

*May 13, 2013 – 6:30-8:30pm*

*Sherman Heights Community Center*

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#### **Meeting Objectives**

- Summarize input from community workshop
- Discuss Vision and Guiding Principles
- Discuss land use alternatives and mobility concepts for Southeastern San Diego
- Discuss alternatives and mobility concepts for National Avenue

#### **Meeting Summary**

##### **1. Agenda**

See published meeting agenda for detail about topics discussed at the meeting

##### **2. Draft Vision Comments**

Community Planning Group members and members of the public provided their comments to the draft Vision for the future of the Southeastern community, as well as their concerns, questions and considerations. These ideas are summarized in the following bullet points (in no particular order of preference):

- Address project-related and community-wide infrastructure needs
- Define Smart Growth
- Incorporate sustainability in the plan
- Fold in the ideas and policies of previous plans and studies into this plan update Connect the neighborhoods and also to surrounding communities, like Barrio Logan
- Limit lot consolidations to support fine grain, diversity
- Do not lose the existing mix of industrial and residential uses that support small scale, talented fabricators; don't throw out small producers
- Retain the character of existing micro, quasi-industrial uses and combine industrial with arts and culture?
- Enhance community; Is it physical, social, economic?
- Complete unfinished projects, such as Gateway center, Project First Class, streetscape and infrastructure
- Provide affordable housing

- Enhance community identity
- Help homeowners and owners of retail properties make improvements
- Encourage owner participate agreements

### 3. **Guiding Principles Comments**

Community Planning Group members and members of the public provided written comments, concerns, and questions regarding the draft Guiding Principles for the Southeastern community. These ideas are summarized in the following bullet points (in no particular order of preference):

- Look at Habitat for Humanity as a model
- Support long term landlords
- Encourage white roofs for environmental concerns, they are cheap and simple but make an impact
- Reduce parking requirements significantly to incentivize transit, bicycling and walking
- Fix the public transportation system, it is too expensive and doesn't go where it needs to go
- Use open space as transition between land uses and to provide a calming atmosphere
- Consider urban agriculture as a more appropriate use of open space
- Incentivize more community centers/facilities that are part of mixed-use developments
- Allow zoning density bonus for properties that provide community facilities
- Promote safety, especially at parks so they are not taken over by gangs or over-grown landscape
- Have money available to maintain pocket parks if created
- Support and encourage social programs, afterschool
- Encourage shared use of parks for afterschool programs

### 4. **Preferred Plan Comments**

- Provide fire mapping and earthquake mapping
- Keep the existing zoning of Costco / 805 / Market Corridor
- Maintain existing historic districts; changes in historic districts must be looked at carefully; Sherman Heights and Grant Hill are sacred historic districts; identify potential new historic districts
- Keep Planned District Ordinances; look at the thresholds for development
- Pay attention to people that live in the "gaps" of the plan area
- Identify a vernacular aesthetic
- Plan the areas around freeway entrances and exits
- Support the development of a high school in the community; Look at plans already in place for a high school; it may be difficult to identify the location
- Provide different housing designations, types and models
- Spread the open space where the housing is versus next to industrial and freeways, put it where we are growing

- Concern over density of community, maybe better to have granny flats; what about Infrastructure?
- Sites on Imperial, Commercial, National and Market may need lot consolidation to encourage development
- Provide more lighting for safety
- There is a good potential to really implement the “City of Villages” concept here
- Add density along corridors
- Look at the fine grain details of the plan, what will maintain character
- Support small lot zoning
- Notify residents of changes
- Concern over park spaces, vacant lots for small parks; Provide pockets of green spaces
- Don’t need buffers to freeways but more connections to other communities
- Reactivate Ocean View Blvd with mixed-use
- Combine Memorial Junior High , upgrade existing facility
- Recognize the rich neighborhood of Stockton, specifically 32<sup>nd</sup> Street corridor starting at Christ the King Church
- Restructure the code to address appalling conditions of housing in the Stockton neighborhood
- Designate Christ the King Church as a historic place for its role during the civil rights movement
- Relocate and build a new recreational center (currently shared with King Elementary)
- Reflect the international character of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and respect the Navy operations on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Pier
- Removal of a trolley stop on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street will be a hardship for the area
- Restore the Chollas Creek footbridge that was replaced by a new bridge at Southcrest Trails Park

## 5. **Conclusion and Next Steps**

Planning Group members and members of the public were asked to contact Karen Bucey (City of San Diego) for additional comments and information about upcoming meetings.

The next Community Planning Group Meeting#3 will be held Monday, June 18, 2013, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Sherman Heights Community Center.

## 6. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.